

God instructed them not to reap the corners of their field nor gather the gleanings left behind by the workers. Why? “You shall leave them for the poor and the stranger” (vv.9-10).

Christ is the greatest example of the outward look. Even though He is God, He humbled Himself as a man and became obedient to the point of death. He was looking out for you and for me.

In what practical ways can you look out for someone today? The outward look is the Christlike look.

*If we would learn to fear the Lord,
If we would strive to keep His Word,
Our neighbour's good would always be
Of great concern to you and me. —DJD*

We are at our best when we serve others.



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The Outward Look

Ours is a self-serving age. .. To illustrate: a farmer who was single and wanted a wife. So he put an ad in a newspaper that read: “Man 35 wants woman about 25 with tractor. Send picture of tractor.”

All of us are infected with selfishness. That’s why Paul told us to look out not only for our own interests but also for the interests of others. The “not only . . . but also” phrase keeps a proper balance.

This balance is also seen in the Old Testament law, “Love your neighbour as yourself” (Lev. 19:18). To make this practical for His people Israel,



Insights for Living

One



In Philippians 2:1-2, Paul demonstrates that the unity of a local church, like Philippi, will be expressed in two ways:

1. Christian _____, verse 1

(Philippians 2:1) "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and

compassion," [paraphrase]

There are four universal _____ of Christians described in verse 1:

◆ E _____,

◆ Loving _____,

(Romans 5:5) "... the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4) "Blessed be the God and Father

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, {4} who comforts us in all our tribulation, ..."



◆ F _____,

(Romans 8:9) "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

(Galatians 4:6) "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!""

(1 John 1:6-7) "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. {7} But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..."

(2 Corinthians 13:5) "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?; ..."

(Revelation 3:20) "...Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

(2 Corinthians 5:15) "and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."



◆ Tender _____,

(Job 1:9) "... Does Job fear God for nothing?"

(Job 1:11) "...But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

(Job 1:12) And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." ..."

(Job 2:6) "And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life." ..."

(Genesis 50:20) "... as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, ..."



(Psalms 145:1-12) "I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. {2} Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. {3} Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. {4} One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. {5} I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. {6} Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. {7} They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. {8} The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. {9} The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works. {10} All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You. {11} They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, {12} To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom."

2. Christian _____, verses 2

Verse two gives us four essential _____ to God's character:

◆ The same _____, also verses 3, 5, 8

◆ The same _____,

(John 15:13) "...Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

(Romans 12:10) "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;"

◆ The same _____,

◆ The same _____, also 3:10



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